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The Department's instruction of March 28, 1955, requested a monthly report listing all social contacts with Soviet bloc officials, except casual meetings at large functions.

Contacts for the month of July 1955 were as follows:

1. On July 7, Colonel Iarochenko, Assistant Soviet Military Attache, returned the call of Lt. Colonel James R. Kent, Assistant US Army Attache, at the US Embassy. Colonel Kent's questioning of him to find out how much he knew about the United States met with slight success.
2. On July 22, US Army Attache Colonel Roy and Lt. Colonel Kent and their wives attended a reception given by the Polish Minister at the Polish Legation on Polish Liberation Day. Upon entering and leaving, they were thanked profusely for having attended, particularly by the Polish Military Attache, Major Kusztelak. The two Soviet Military Attaches, Colonels Sviridov and Iarochenko were present. Vasilii Gueorguievitch Makarov, formerly in the Soviet Embassy in Washington and currently a First Secretary in the Soviet Embassy, Brussels, had Colonel Iarochenko introduce Colonel Roy to him. Makarov (see Embassy despatch No. 42 of July 12, 1955) was a host at a film showing in June attended by Mr. Robert L. Brown, Second Secretary of Embassy, which led to attempts at getting the Browns and Makarovs together socially. Makarov has apparently taken the lead in trying to expand social contacts.
- Sviridov and Iarochenko both emphasized "how wonderful it was" that Generals Eisenhower and Zukov had met each other at Geneva.
3. On July 26, Colonel Moheb Abd El Ghaffar, Egyptian Military Attache, gave a reception on the occasion of the Egyptian National Holiday. Colonel Roy and Lt. Colonel Kent and their wives attended. Also present were Russian Charge d'Affaires Koutchmine; First Secretary Makarov of the Russian Embassy; the two Soviet Military Attaches, Colonels Sviridov and Iarochenko, and the Polish Military Attache, Major Kusztelak. All acted in a very friendly way except Makarov, who seemed a bit reserved, watching the others, and observing what was going on. The main topics of conversation at the reception between the Military Attaches were: 1) How "wonderful it was" that President Eisenhower and General Zukov had seen each other at Geneva, and, 2) there should be no wars; and armies were needed to handle internal troubles but should not be aggressive.
4. On July 27, Colonel and Mrs. Roy attended a party given by Colonel Peter Townsend, British Air Attache. The Soviet Military Attaches, Colonels Sviridov and Iarochenko, and the Polish Military Attache, Major Kusztelak, were present. Major Kusztelak was eagerly looking forward to going on leave to Poland and to attending the Warsaw Youth Congress. No other significant information was developed.

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5. At a reception given by the US Air Attache, Lt. Colonel Curry, on July 28, the two Soviet and the Polish Military Attaches were again present. Colonel Roy introduced them to some of the Political Officers of the US Embassy. Colonel Sviridov avoided answering questions by these officers on what he thought of President Eisenhower's suggestion for reciprocal reconnaissance flights by the USSR and US. He told one officer that he had not yet read Pravda on the subject.